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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: PRESIDENT NIXON'S MIDDLE EAST TOUR

1. LEADING BELGRADE DAILY POLITIKA JUNE 12 CARRIES FRONT-PAGE (3 COLUMNS, RIGHT) REPORT ON PRESIDENT NIXON'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST BY NY CORR JURIJ GUSTINCIC, HEADLINED: "TRIP WITHOUT PRECEDENT." AFTER DEALING AT LENGTH WITH CONTROVERSY IN U.S. REGARDING PRESIDENT'S TRIP AND CONTINUING DOMESTIC CONCERN WITH WATERGATE INVESTIGATION, GUSTINCIC COMMENTS THAT IN SPITE OF OBVIOUS CONTRAST BETWEEN WARM WELCOME ABROAD AND COLD RECEPTION AT HOME, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT DURING PRESIDENT'S TRIP "FANFARES WILL BE LOUD AND PERSUASIVE AND TALKS IMPORTANT."

2. SARAJEVO'S OSLOBODJENJE JUNE 12 CARRIES COMMENTARY BY NY CORR EFRAIM KURTAGIC UNDER TITLE: "A RISKY TOUR." KURTAGIC STATES THAT NIXON ADMINISTRATION IS DEFYING AGE-OLD DIPLOMATIC RULE THAT NO SUPER-POWER CAN MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH BOTH ARAB COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL." OSLOBODJENJE ALSO OFFERS COMMENTARY BY BEIRUT CORR RIZO MEHINAGIC, WHO WRITES THAT VISIT OF U.S. PRESIDENT SHOULD GIVE SANCTION TO WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY KISSINGER MISSION AND "ARM" NIXON FOR NEXT ROUND OF MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. MEHINAGIC OBSERVES THAT "THE AMERICAN ROUND" HAS BEGUN IN MIDDLE EAST.

3. BELGRADE DAILY BORBA JUNE 12 CARRIES PAGE-ONE AP, REUTERS  
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REPORT (TWO COLUMNS, BELOW FOLD) OF PRESIDENT NIXON - CHANCELLOR

KREISKY MEETING IN SALZBURG (WITH PHOTO), AND BRIEF AFP REPORT  
ON SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE RESIGNATION.  
SAME NEWS ITEMS ALSO CARRIED JUNE 12 POLITIKA. SIMILAR NEWS  
COVERAGE IN OTHER YUGOSLAV DAILIES. BELGRADE TV EVENING NEWS  
JUNE 11 CARRIED NEWSCLIP OF U.S. PRESIDENT MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR  
KREISKY.  
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